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Of the Two last things, viz. Resurrections and Judgments at last Revealed by Christ himself, as being needful Points of Doctrine respecting the last times of this World; set forth by Question *and* Answer, *for the more easie Apprehension and more strong Confirmation of those great Divine Truths before Christs Revelation, darkly set down in Holy Scripture as the Tract following manifests, to be added to all Christian Catechisms that have them not.* Anno Dom. 1682.

Quest. ARe the Resurrection of the Saints at Christs appearance in the Clouds, and the Resurrection of the Wicked at the last Trumpet, 2. Distinct Resurrections of the dead Bodies of Men?

Answ. They are 2. distinct Resurrections of the dead Bodies of Men.

Quest. How are they Distinguished?

Answ. 1. By the Persons rising, namely of the just and unjust. 2. By the distinct ends thereof, *viz.* to Life, or to Condemnation. 3. By the distinct times of the first and last Resurrection, set forth by Christ himself at 1000 years distance in that his absolute Divine Determination of them, *Rev.* 20. 5. as is very observable in our Appendix to our Schems, 6 times repeated, thrice absolutely, 1000 years, and thrice relatively those, those, those, 1000 years respecting 3 particulars of Satans binding, of the Saints Reigning, and of the Happiness of their State all the said 1000 years.

Which he 2. proves by Scripture Prophesie, of the promised mercies to the faithful Forefathers and to their Spritual seed through Christ in the interim of the said 1000 years, betwixt both (as in our Proscheme) eternally decreed, and then to be performed.

Quest. What Foundation are there of that great Comprehensive mercies of Christ Kingdom on the Earth, which the Scripture teaches shall be at his appearance, when he shall Judge Quick and Dead. 2 *Tim.* 4. 1.

Answ. First, God declares at mans fall, that Christ the promised Seed should breake the Serpents head, *Gen.* 3. 15. and then at his 2. coming making his Foes his Footstool, should then obtain the headship himself, and become (as was Decreed) Gods King upon his holy Hill of *Sion.* 2. *Balaam* in his Prophesie foretold that his Scepter should come from *Israel, Numb.* 24. 3ly. *Daniel* set forth the time when, *viz.* at the end of the *Roman* Monarchy, when the first Judgment is set to destroy the Beast, and to give his Body to the burning Flame, *Dan* 7. 11. 13, 14. 4ly. his Kingdom was Typified in *Davids*, of whom he came according to the Flesh: But 5. it is many ways explained by Christ himself, in the Book of *Revelation*, but chiefly *Ch.* 20. Of this Kingdom we have set down 12. Foundations, from the beginning of *Genesis*, to the end of the Book of *Revelation*, in our Tract of the Doctrine of Christs Kingdom, *&c.*

Quest. What Foundation was there for the great, holy, and beloved New *Jerusalem*, that comes down from God, out of Heaven with Christ, to be then the Bride the Lambs Wife, being the Spirits of just men made perfect, to receive their Bodies in their Paradisian restored Sate, to be on Earth the 1000 years.

Answ. It was so far revealed to *Abraham*, *Isaac*, and *Jacob* with the promise of *Canaan* in the time of that renewed State, that they are said to see the promise afar off, *viz.* at the Resurrection of the just, when all promised mercies to the Fathers in Christ were to be accomplished, and particulaly *Abraham*, *Heb.* 11. is said to look for a City that hath Foundations whose Maker and Builder is God, such as that City will then be, and *ver.* 16 God (saith the Apostle) hath prepared for them a

City, and it is gloriouſly deſcribed by Chriſt, then to come down from God out of Heaven, *Rev.* 21. of which that given to their natural race was but a Type, and but conditionally, and was forfeited by their Sin, and deſtroyed at their Babyloniſh Captivity 2300 years before the ſetting up of this glorious New *Jeruſalem* in the world.

Queſt. What other bleſſedneſs belongs to that time and ſtate?

Anſw. To this bleſſedneſs will be added the Annexing thereunto the Nations of them that are then ſaved, walking in the light of that great holy and beloved New *Jeruſalem* all the ſaid 1000 years, as our Saviour teacheth out of the Propheſie of *Eſay. Rev.* 21.

Queſt. What further addition will be to that bleſſedneſs?

Anſw. Then alſo will be the times of the Reſtitution of all things which the Apoſtle *Peter* teacheth, *Acts* 3. 19, 20. were ſpoken of by the mouth of all the holy Prophets ſince the world began, when God will make all things New, *Rev.* 21. 5. as we have ſhewed in a Treatſe upon that Text, when the Curſe, Bondage, enmitie and corruption brought in by Sin and Satan, before ſhall be aboliſhed with that which will compleat the happineſs of that time and ſtate: That the Tabernacle of God in Chriſts humanity will then alſo be with men, and he will dwell with them that ſaid 1000 years.

Queſt. Will there be two perſonal comings of Chriſt to Judgment at the two ſaid bodily Reſurrections, a 1000 years diſtant one from another?

Anſw. Yes,

Queſt. How are they diſtinguiſhed in Scripture?

Anſw. The former is called his 2. coming, or as *Heb.* 1. 6. when God will bring again his firſt begotten Son into the world, which the Apoſtle *Paul* (who was rapt up into the 3. Heavens) uſually calls his appearance, becauſe he will then only appear in the Clouds or with Clouds to mortal Eyes, (ordinarily) that they in the natural life with the Converted *Jews*, *Rev.* 1. 7. may ſo behold him, whoſe brightneſs of glory could not otherwiſe be indured by their Natural Eyes; and this is adjoyned with many of thoſe Excellencies that ſhall then take place, as his Judging Quick and Dead, (as was ſhewed) at his appearance, and his Kingdom which will then begin, 2 *Tim.* 4. 1. again at that glorious appearance of him the great God and our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, will be the bleſſed hope that he teacheth the Saints to wait for, *Titus* 2. 13. now that bleſſed hope is the hope of *Iſrael*, when all promiſed mercies to the Fathers will take place at the firſt Reſurrection which he ſo clearely explaines, *Acts* 26. 6, 7, 8 unto which hope (ſaith he) our 12 Tribes inſtantly ſerving God day and night hope to come, and then expoſtulates with them ſaying: Why ſhould it be thought a thing incredible that God ſhould raiſe the dead? He alſo teacheth 1 *Theſ.* 2. 8. that by this appearance Antichriſt ſhall be deſtroyed, as was more fully ſet forth, *Dan.* 7. that then the Judgment was ſet at the ſaid firſt Act thereof; and the Books were opened becauſe of the great words the Horn ſpake, and in the Iſhue the Body of the Beaſt was given to the burning Flame, he is alſo ſaid to come at his appearance with all his Saints. 1 *Theſ.* 3. and laſt 4. 14. when all the Angels ſhall alſo worſhip him, *Heb.* 1. 6. as was foretold, *Pſ.* 97. alſo at his appearance the Saints with the Apoſtles ſhall poſſeſs their reſt. 2 *Theſ.* 1. 7. even that reſt that remains for the people of God. *Heb.* 4. 9. which will be the Sabbatiſme of the worlds being: But his laſt deſcending with a Shout, and the voice of an Arch-Angel and the Trump of God which St. *Saul* calls the laſt Trump when he ſheweth thoſe Miſteries of the momentany rapture and general change of all the Saints together ſhall be. 1 *Cor.* 15. 51, 52. at the end, that is as Chriſt Theacheth, 1000 years after his Second coming: For before that time all the Saints could not be rapt at once together, ſince multitudes of them had not being before, nor thence forward be ever with the Lord, ſince his laſt coming was not until then. [and theſe 2 perſonal comings we have further ſet forth in 11 or 12 diſtinctions of them according to the holy Scripture, in Page 1. of the Reſurrection upon Rom 20. 5.]

Queſt. What proof is there of the firſt Act of Judgment at Chriſts appearance, or the firſt Reſurrection and what will then be done?

Anſw. It is excellently ſet forth in the Song of Praiſe by the 24 Elders, *Rev.* 11. *ver.* 18. 19. that God had thus judged not only to deſtroy them that deſtoryed the Earth that is chiefly the Turk and Pope with Temperal deſtruction (the ſame for time with *Dan.* 7. at the end of the *Roman* Monarchie,) but alſo to reward his Servants the Prophets and his Saints, but all that fear his Name both ſmall and great, for (ſo ſaith Chriſt,) when he cometh then his reward is with him, *viz.* for all his Saints both raiſed and then living. *Rev.* 22. 12.

Queſt. What will be done at the laſt Act of Judgment, after the laſt *Gog* and *Magog* are deſtroyed by fire from Heaven. *Rev.* 20. 7. 8. after the 1000 years are ended.

Anſw. At the laſt Trump when the general momaintany Rapture and change of all Saints ſhall be at once, to meet the Lord in the Air, thenceforth ever to be with him, the Wicked ſhall be raiſed to the laſt Judgment, to receive the Sentence of Condemnation, to be ever ſeperated from him unto everlaſting Torments in Hell with the Devil and his Angels, (as Chriſt himſelf hath taught us.)

Queſt. What other decypherings doth the holy Scripture give to the time and and State of the ſaid 1000 years?

Anſw. Sometime it is called the world to come, even an habitable world (as the word οἰκουμένη denotes,) as the world before the Flood was called the old world, and this preſent Evil world ſubject to Satan, ſtiled (by Uſurpation) the God of this world τῆς ἀιῶνος τούτου So that world to come, *Heb.* 2. 5. which will begin when God brings his Son again, or the Second time into the world (for ὅταν δὲ are to be taken adverſatively not copulatively as tranſlated, and πάλιν εἰσαγάγῃ is of future ſignification, when he ſhall again bring his Son, &c.) as foretold, *Pſal.* 97. Again our Saviour Chriſt, *Luke* 20. 35. ſets it forth by that world of the Reſurrection of the juſt, which are the Children of God, and called there by himſelf the Children of the Reſurrection, who (he ſaith) ſhall be counted worthy of that world as enrolled for it, as the word denotes. Alſo it is the time of the Reſtitution of all things, and of the New Heavens and New Earth, ſpoken of by all the holy Prophets ſince the world began. *Acts* 3. 19, 20. And therefore is no new or ſtrange Doctrine as many are apt to conceive of it, but is now ſeriouſly to be conſidered and embraced, when it is near approaching at the end of the 2300 years of the *Jews* Bondage at Chriſts ſaid appearance; which is, and ought to be accounted great matter of Conſolation to Chriſts afflicted and perſecuted Church and People in theſe laſt Days of Satans, and Antichriſts Uſurpation and Tyranny; when Chriſt is ſhortly coming to put an end to them, even when the *Matutina reſurrectio* and *Judicium*, being, when the juſt ſhall have *Domination* in the morning as ſaith the Pſalmiſt, *Pſ.* 49.

Queſt. What Evidence doth the holy Scriptnre afford of the *Jews* deliverance, and the firſt bodily Reſurrection to be at Chriſts appearance.

Anſw. Firſt of the *Jews* deliverance, *Daniel* ſaith expreſly *Chap.* 12. 2. at the ſtanding up of *Michael* their Prince *Daniels* People ſhall be delivered, when the *Turk* that fought their ruin comes to his end, and none could help him in the *Chap.* before. Secondly, from the frame and order of Scriptures reſpecting that People, for both *Moſes* and *Joſhua* at their Death ſeverely threatened them, if they revolted from from their Covenant, (which they ſoon did) foretelling their long and ſore and moſt miſerable Bondage, as alſo do thoſe prophetical threatnings, *Deut.* 28. *Levi.* 26. and that prophetical Song of *Moſes*, *Deut.* 32. accordingly *Iſrael* was led Captive into *Aſſyria*, and *Judah* into *Caldea*, when all the 12. Tribes were in Bondage, but even then God revealed to *Dan.* firſt by *Nebuchad-nezzars* Image, and by the Viſion of the 4 Beaſts to himſelf, that the *Gentiles* ſhould have the Dominion all the times of theſe 4 Monarchies until Chriſts appearance, or *Michaels* ſaid ſtanding up, as *Chap.* 12. 2. And to *Ezek.* alſo was then ſhewed upon the taking the Crown and Diadem from the laſt King of *Judah Zedekiah*; God would bring 3 great Overturnings by *Babylon*, *Greece*, and *Rome*, until he came whoſe right it is. (as *Dan* 7. 13, 14.) and God ſaid then he would give it him, *viz.* Chriſt. *Ezek.* 21. 26. 27.

This large time is alſo exactly computed in a miſterious manner by *Palmoni*, or Chriſt the ſecret Number to be 2300 years, *Dan.* 8. 14. (See the reaſons on that *ver.* in our Summarie of *Dan.*) the period of which great miſtical Number appears to be the period of all other conſiderable Numbers in *Dan.* and Revelation to be at Chriſts appearance alſo, when with the *Jews* and *Iſralites* great Reſtauration concurs the firſt Reſurrection of the juſt, the Davidical Kingdom of Chriſt, the Deſtruction of the man of Sin, 1 *Theſ.* 2. and of the *Turk* alſo, *Ezek.* 38. and 39 *ver.* 8. 9 in that great Teſtimony of God himſelf, [Behold it is come and it is done ſaith the Lord God; this is the day wherof I have ſpoken.] Which Divine mark there, (it is done) is ſet, *Rev.* 16. 7. and *Rev.* 21. 6. to ſhew the Popes deſtruction at the 6t Vials ending, and the concidence of the times of Reſtitution coming on: So alſo the miſtical, 1666 from Chriſts Aſcenſion about 34 years from his Birth, pointing out the end of the Beaſt, *Rev.* 13. all agreeing in the ſame period, as alſo *Daniels* happy times with his own ſtanding up in his lot then with *Job*, *David* and all Saints at 1235 years from *Julian* the Apoſtates 365, (probably) when God laſt wonderfully took away Sacrifice. See our Appendix after our Scheme, Pag. 8, 9, 10, 11.

Queſt. Why are but 3 overturnings mentioned by *Ezek.* in all the 4 ſaid Monarchies.

Anſw. It is probable becauſe none was to be in the *Perſian*, but contrarily God would then reduce the 2 Tribes to fulfil his promiſed mercies to *Judah* by *Cyrus*, and accompleſhed his good purpoſe in ſending the *Meſſiah* at the end of *Daniels* Weeks, by tht Bleſſed effects of whoſe Death, Reſurrection, and Aſcenſion, ſhould an end be put to the Guilt of Believers tranſgreſſions, when the Power and Puniſhment thereof by everlaſting Righteouſneſs is brought to them, are takenaway, *&c. Dan.* 9. according to the time long before foretold by *Jacob*, *Gen.* 40. of *Shiloes* or Chriſts firſt coming, from which in the times of Revelation Propheſie, many things were to be accompliſhed for about 1600 years, until his Second coming; ending the laſt Gentil Monarchy, and the bringing in of Chriſts moſt Divine and glorious Kingdom and Monarchy, who then will be manifeſt to be the King of Kings, and Prince of the Kings of the Earth, *Rev.* 1. 5. whoſe Name is wonderful Counſeller, *&c.* then ſitting upon the Throne of *David* as *Eſ.* 9. 6. 7.

Hence St. *Paul* ſo remarkably enjoyneth all Chriſtians, to wait for the Bleſſed hope and glorious appearance of the great God, and our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Tit.* 2. 13. (which we mentioned before.) Now that bleſſed hope is the hope of *Iſrael*, or Redemption of *Iſrael* at Chriſts Second coming, and the firſt ſaid Reſurrection, when the promiſed mercies to the Fathers ſhall eſpecially take place; which the Apoſtle evidently explains, *Acts* 26. 6, 7, 8. of the Reſurrection of the Dead then to be accompliſhed; read and obſerve his Words well.

An admonition to all. 1. *For the uſe of all faithful Chriſtians, whoſe Duty in general is to own, believe, improve, and promote in their Stations all the Divine Doctrins of the Goſpel of Chriſt.* 2. *For others to ſeek earneſtly for true Repentance towards God, and true Faith in Jeſus Chriſt, that they may receive the Inheritance among them that are Sanctified.*

AND 1. Let it be well obſerved by all ſuch, that the very expreſs and ſtrong Evidence ſet down by Chriſt himſelf, *Rev.* 20. 5. *viz.* of the firſt bleſſed bodily Reſurrection of the Saints, to be 1000 years before the reſt of the dead is beyond all denial, to all ſober rational men upon many accounts (as may by the following Treatiſe upon that Text be ſufficiently manifeſt,) and therefore the contrary, long prevailing but groundleſs miſtake and Errour, *viz.* that there will be but one only general Reſurrection at once both of good and bad, (expreſly contrary to our Saviours Divine Doctrine thereof) and otherwiſe alſo, not only without but contrary to Scripture warrant, muſt needs be both a groundleſs and dangerous errour, tending to exclude all other Divine Doctrines of Chriſt, in his own Revelation that reſpect the world to come. *Heb.* 2. 5. or the glorious and bleſſed State of his own Mediatory or Davidi-

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tal Kingdom. But the owning of that distinct Doctrine of Christ, of the 2 bodily Resurrections at 1000 years distance, is so express from Christs own words, that with them the Interin betwixt both of the 1000 years is a great and sure Foundation of many other Divine Truths foretold by his Spirit of Prophesie, manifesting the said first bodily Resurrection to be the necessary inlet for the raised Saints, whereby they become capable of the manifold great happiness; which without their spiritual Bodies they could not then enjoy, nor otherwise so eminently serve him as is said *Chap.* 2. 3. that his servants shall serve him, where the Throne of God and of the Lamb shall then be in those many particulars so revealed and determined, for the substance of them by Christ himself, upon the Foundations of the Prophets speaking, *Chap.* 10. of such things to come on from the *7th* Trumpet: When the mistery of God should be finished, [as he spake by his Servants the Prophets] which were part of his own Purchase at his first coming, and in his Divine Book revealed and undertaken to confer upon his Saints at his Second coming. And what though so clear Discoveries of these Divine Misteries have not been so Evidently made in most of Antichrists Date now near to an end, as hath been in these latter Days, or in those next to the Apostles times as learned Mr. *Mede* observed. That Antichristianisme should then obstruct them to the end, that great Enemie might for his time appear and pass to his period, which time of such Darkness and Ignorance God seemed then to wink at, but since in our times he hath given such great Discoveries of them, it is therefore a duty incumbent upon all good Christians now to receive, improve, and promote them in their places, as was very observable in that very Learned and Reverend Dr. *Twisse* in his latter days, though he was Prolocutor before, of that Learned Assembly mostly of contrary Opinion. Yet was credibly reported, that above what light he had received in them, by intercourse with Mr. *Mede*, (as their Printed Letters manifest) it afterwards so wrought upon his mind and affections, that in them he was much enlivened and raised towards his end in the embracing and due estimation of them.

And also that worthily, much Reverend and Renownedly, learned and Religious Bishop *Usher*, upon that little intercourse he had, likewise with Mr. *Mede*, acknowledged much of that Nature also, and doubtless by degrees would have done more if further advantage thereof had been afforded to him: And for my unworthy self who formerly opposed Christs said Personal Reign; yet since by special mercie, having obtained many gracious Discoveries have since specially strongly confirmed that as after our Scheme may be seen, and many other things of that Natute, published in my Book for the benefit of others, into whose hands they may come. So that it must needs be grievous unto me, besides other weighty considerations respecting God or Men or their own selves, to hear not only ordinary Persons, but even many Ministers for want of such Divine Discoveries received and prized by them, (as the said first Resurrection taught by Christ is) to hear them preach in publick though most erroneously, that it is nothing else but Spiritual Regeneration. And also that Christs said Kingdom of the 1000 years shortly to come on Earth, is no other then his providential Kingdom which he ever had as God in the World. To deny his Reign then to be personal though sufficiently confirmed, (as we now said) whereby he will be much more glorious then the Sun in the glorious state of the world to come. And to call the New *Jerusalem* coming down from God at Christs Second coming: The Kingdom of Heaven which is then said evedently *Rev.* 21. 9. to be the Bride the Lambs Wife: When the Tabernacle of God (in Christs Person) will be with Men, and he dweil with them and be their God, and they his People in the great Solemnity of the Marriage of the Lamb probably all the said 1000 years: Yea and some to reject all those Divine Doctrins of Christ in the said 1000 years, wherein the Nations also of them that are saved shall walk in the light of the great, holy, and beloved New *Jerusalem*, and that of all People under the whole Heaven, as *Dan.* 7. 27. when in that glorious and gracious prolonging of Christs days then upon Earth he shall so abundantly see his Seed, when the will of the Lord shall most prosper in his hands as foretold, *Es.* 63. when the greatest Harvest of the Saints is to come in, and all Nations see the Salvation of the God of *Israel*: How great a sin then against God and Christ the Saints raised then,

then, and the Nations then to be saved likewise must the denying of these excellent Divine truths needs be? Yea, and some to reject the thousand years themselves though the number of the thousand years is laid down by our Saviour, as the most exact, strong, and unparallelled Determination of a time to come, that is to be found in the whole World: and indeed fit only for the All-knowing and Almighty and blessed God, so to set down aforehand, who can both fully make it good; and who many thousand years before hath revealed, that he will accomplish that State, with such things as he hath revealed shall be fulfilled in them. Yet my own Ears have heard one in publick say, frivolously and aud unworthily of them, That he knew not whether there were 1000 2000, or 10000, with other Scriptures by him perverted, respecting the same; whereunto may be annexed, the Antiscriptural error of such as place the times of restitution of all things after the worlds destruction, of which God saith, *Behold I make all things new, viz.* Visibly at Christs second coming, (as we have have shewed upon *Rev.* 21. 5.) as the Apostle teacheth, he hath done Spiritually at his first coming, 2 *Cor.* 5. so laying the foundation for the other; with many other gross errors of that kind, especially of such as reckon these Divine and Havenly Doctrines: taught by Christ himself (neer to Blasphemy) to be no better than Carnal Opinions (as I have heard delivered in publick also) But I am not willing to rake any further into this Dunghil, only I mention thus much here for these good purposes. First, to caution others for the time to come, against these or the like mistakes and errors: And secondly, to admonish all, especiall Ministers of the Gospel, to search duly into, and to own, improve, and promote, such precious truths of that part of the Gospel respecting Christs second coming, containing such happy interest of all Saints in them; and not to withstand such great things founded on the Prophets, as the Son of God, whose Testimony of them is said also to be the Spirit of Prophesie. *Rev.* 19 10, and lest for the special Consolation of his Church in these latter and darker days of Antichrist, when as the Prophet speaks (probably of the times of some of the Vials) it seems to be not Day nor Night, but withal for their comfort they should know in the Evening time it shall be light, *Zac.* 14. 7. And thirdly, that Christians might lay to heart and consider, what a great provocation it must needs now be unto Almighty God, that such Divine truths he in so great mercy and goodness hath in these respects, so set before such as call themselves his people, yea, and his portion too, yet should be no better entertained by them; and that the exceeding glorious excellency of Christ himself, the blessed Mediator, shortly to be manifest to be the Prince of the Kings of the Earth, *Rev.* 1. 3. Should not only be neglected, but so resisted in the World; which I really believe is a special cause and reason (together with other heart and life Provocations amongst these Christians in these dark days, too obvious to be discerned) why God is still pleased to suffer such pressures to lye so long and heavily upon so many (partly in Doctrin) reformed Christian Protestant Churches, in that such light is withholden from most Christians amongst them that discovers their deliverance approaching, and the comfort thereof unto them, and so excellently displays the glory of their great Redeemer, whose glorious appearance will cause them to lift up their heads with joy, yea, even when by the signs thereof they shall but discern them to be near; which the receiving such Doctrines ar these which Christ hath discovered for their use, in that sacred and most Divine Book of *Revelation*, may much hasten for the exceeding great consolation of all faithful Souls. *Amen.* *W. S.*

Some seasonable Revelation discoveries respecting these our times, especially of the seven last Plagues or Vials, with the contemporarie, the 2 Witnesses, and with the 10th part of the Cities falling, Rev. 11. &c.

THat we may the better discern the pouring out of the fifth Vial and part of the sixt now passing with other occurrants respecting the times lately past or present, or shortly to come, we shall here set down some hints of the four preceeding

ing Vials. The first whereof is said to be poured out upon the Earth of the Beast, *Revel.* 16. 2. appeared to be when he was manifested unto the Church, to be the Great Antichrist, that before stood firm (in appearance) upon a supposed and pretended *jus Divinum*, and was counted Christs Vicar General, and Saint *Peters* Successor in the Sea of *Rome*, though most sadly (as Mr. *Ed. Deering* hath made evident) which first Vial was poured out by our *Wickliff* and others which so shaked his Earth and Foundation that he stood upon, that thereupon he had a noysome and grievous sore fell upon his followers: which caused them to be ever since, such Persecutors of all such as Hercticks, as they call them, because their Earth or Foundation is so removed by them, and having a noysomsore upon them.

The second Vial seemed to be poured upon the Seas of the Beast, when *Luther* so divulged his Divine Doctrines of the Gospel of Christ, and wrote so vigorously against many Popish errours, that the truth, by his means was spread largely in *Germany*, and many other Countries, and so took place, that Popish delusions and errors, which prevailed before amongst them, were thereupon cast off, and the Popes power greatly diminished in those places, and all his Spiritual delusions amongst them became like the blood of a dead man, having no Life, or Spirits left in them; and this was also wonderful in these two first pourers forth of the said Vials, after their great prevalency against the man of Sin, and his great endeavours to destroy them successively; yet such was Gods care over them, after all assaults, that they both died peaceably in their Beds, notwithstanding.

The third Vial, saith Mr. *Mede* was poured out upon the Rivers and Fountains of the Beast, whereby his poysonous Waters were carried and conveyed to the several parts of the World; to wit, by those his Emissaries, the Priests, Friers and Jesuits, the promoters of his wicked Doctrines, by the restraint of penal Laws, to take away their lives, as was made against them in Queen *Elizabeths* Raign, and elsewhere also restrained in other places, the Justice, of which proceeding to give them blood to drink as they were worthy is so greatly celebrated with praise to God, *v.* 5. 6. 7.

The fourth Mr. *Mede* conceives also to be poured upon the Sun in the Popes Orb, *viz.* On the *German* Empire, or house of *Austria*, by that illustrious *Gustavus Adolphus* King of *Sweden* and others over-ruuning suddenly about 200 Miles in their warrs (as was conceived) and though it still remains; yet both then and since have been much weakened by the *Turk* about new *Hausel*, and the *French* Wars since, for it is to be observed, that no Vial utterly destroys but the last, they only bring the Popedome into a Consumption; yet upon such scorching they have accordingly blasphemed Gods name, and will not acknowledge his hand, and therefore do not repent to give him glory. But the fourth Vial is also conceived to be the casting off the Popes Universality, which before was as his shining Sun that hath darkned his Orb greatly: which appears very probable to be meant thereby.

The fifth Vial Mr. *Cotton* most probably conceives also to be poured out upon the Popes Mystical Throne, to wit, upon Prelacy, or Hierarchical Episcopacy held by the Papists and their party to be (*jure Divino*) whence also Archbishops, Patriarchs, and Popes act also (*jure Divino*) as sitting upon a Throne: As for what Mr. *Mede* conceived of *Rome* as a tenth part of what it was formerly seems too litteral compared with the other Vials; neither was the time of *Roms* ruin to be expected so soon as the fifth Vial, and also the fall of the tenth part of the great City is quite another thing in others account shortly to be amongst us, towards the end of the great Earth-quake (probably) at the finishing of the Ascention of the last finishing Witness, whose Killing Mr. *Mede* himself conceived would be about the fifth Vial, in the *Platea civitatis* where the fall of that tenth Part or Province of the said great City, is probably by divers expected to be, and as a Key for the place, where the last finishing sackcloth Witness should be slain, it is described to be [*where our Lord was crucified, Rev.* 11. 8.] as being the Stage of Gods eminent actings, in pouring out the fifth Vial, upon that mystical Throne of the Beasts, *viz. jus Divinum prelaticum* pretended to for setting up their humane institutions, and imposing them more than Gods Divine appointments (as that Hierarchie not long before Christs death did in

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Judea, whereby civil censures were to be executed, making way for the civil death of the said Witnesses, of which much might be said answerably, though good men formerly in that capacity, were then content with their *jure humano* from men and endeavoured to serve Christ, in writing against Popish errours, and in promoting Godliness, or were sufferers for the truth, as Bishop *Jewel*, Bishop *Hooper*, Bishop *Latimer*, Bishop *Morton*, Bishop *Babington*, Bishop *Davenant*, &c. But in succeeding times, when after about 17 years voiding of Parliaments, Bishop *Laud*, and Bishop *Wren*, with other of their Party in carrying on such Popish Designs in two Kingdoms at once, (as would then apparently have ruined themselves) did bring in Alters and many alterations in Doctrines and Practises to promote Popery, and therewith a new Book of Cannons with an Oath, &c. To establish their pretended *jus Divinum* upon their Brethrens Consciences: then God by a Parliament fitted for that work in Forty two, seemed to pour out his Fifth Vial in that *Plateia civitatis* (many says like to *Judea*) upon the said Prelacy as the mistical Throne of the Beast that made the whole Antichristian Kingdom full of Darkness, and caused them to gnaw their Tongues for pain and Blaspheme the God of Heaven, overlooking both his Word and Hand therein; imputing all to Mens Sins and Rebellion, &c. And repented not of their deeds, but only being thereby revengfully carried on to kill the said Witnesses fully, after about 18 years space of their own Suffering; to contrive and prepare for their last great Slaughter, when *Viis* and *Modis* they could after obtain an advantage to accomplish the same. Which in 18 years more seems to be accomplished from 60, (as particularly might be recounted) and therein to accomplish what that Prophesie *Rev.* 11. from *ver.* 6. foretold, concerning the said finishing Witnesses in the *Plateia civitatis* (as in an other Paper we have manifested to the beginning of the falling of the Tenth part of the great City in that said *Plateia* or Tenth Province also, which seemed to begin an 78. upon the wonderful discovery, defeat, and many strange disappointments of that desperatly wicked late Plot, by the watchful and most gracious providence of the great Watchman of *Israel*, which Design though still endeavoured to be carried on by many wicked Polices, Lyes, Slanders, and most Hellish Sham-Plots, which is the manifest depth of Devillisme, and height of Satanical Wickedness, so hainously to pervert that Sacred Ordinance of appealing to God, (as if he had forsaken the Earth) as thereby to act in such cruel, abominable, and detestable Designs to take away the Lives of Innocent Men; and even to abandon the Gospel of Christ: All which their pacthings and daubings with such untempered Morter notwithstanding, God will doubtless cause the Walls of their City the sooner to moulder away, and at once ere long like those of *Jerico* to fall down flat, when it shall be truly said, τὸ ἥμισυ τῆς πόλεως ἔπεσε, that that Tenth part of the City, *viz.* the said *Plateia* spoken of before is actually fallen, to wit, all Popish Interest hope and expectation therein is vanquished; even by those means whereby the Enemies endeavoured to establish them, and thereupon is to follow the slaying of those 7000 Names of Men; when Gods hand will appear terrible to the great affrightment of that remnant that will then give glory to the God of Heaven, *ver.* 13. at the end of the Second Woe, when that sudden and strong work of the Lord in judging the great Whore, in undertaking to put it into the hearts and hands of the Kings of the Earth to burn her with Fire, probably under the Sixth Vial, wherein may further be effected the drying up of the Popes mistical Euphrates of the *German* Empire, or the literal Euphrates for the passage of the Kings of the *East* to seek their Land, or both, (which I rather expect) while the three unclean Spirits like Frogs are croaking in the Courts of Kings, to gather them to the Battle of the great day of God Almighty, *ver.* 16. after described *c.* 19. when will also be executed the Seventh Vial upon the Air of the Beast, when the Prince of the Power of the Air will probably also be bound, as *Rev.* 20. for 1000 years, until the finishing, whereof he shall not deceive the Nations any more: All which may shortly be compleated before they are expected by most Men.

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